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30 Please correct the title to: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING A  
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TITLE

Apparatus and Method for Producing a Data stream and  
Apparatus and Method for Reading a Data stream

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Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to encoding with code words of variable lengths and, in particular, to producing and reading data streams with code words of variable lengths, which are robust with regard to errors in transmission.

Background of the Invention and Prior Art

15 Modern audio encoding or decoding methods which work by the MPEG layer 3 standard, for example, are capable of compressing the data rate of audio signals, e.g. by a factor 12, without noticeably degrading the quality thereof. In order to achieve such a high data rate  
20 reduction, an audio signal is sampled, whereby a sequence of discrete-time samples is obtained. As is known in the art, the sequence of discrete-time samples is windowed in order to obtain windowed blocks of time samples. A block of time-windowed samples is then transformed to the frequency  
25 range by means of a filter bank, a modified discrete cosine transform (MDCT) or other suitable device, in order to obtain spectral values which, as a whole, represent the audio signal, i.e. the time section determined by the block of discrete-time samples, in the frequency range. Usually,  
30 time blocks which overlap at 50% are produced and transformed to the frequency range by means of a MDCT whereby, due to the specific properties of the MDCT, 1024 discrete-time samples, for example, always lead to 1024 spectral values.

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It is known that the receptivity of the human ear depends on the momentary spectrum of the audio signal itself. This dependency is covered in the so-called psycho-acoustic



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